

Helping Youth Write their Second Stories

50
Years

Est. 1972

2022 Annual Report



our mission

Second Story transforms the lives of children, youth, and their families by providing safe havens and opportunities for them to grow and thrive. Our programs provide support at critical turning points in their lives.

A Letter from our CEO

This year was so exciting as we celebrated our 50th anniversary as an organization! We actually have probably been around a couple of years longer than that. History has it that we were started by a group of seven churches in McLean to help young people who had run away, find their way home. The organization, called Juvenile Assistance of McLean or JAM, began a couple of years before we were officially incorporated in May of 1972.



I sometimes get asked if I was the founding Executive at Second Story. No, I am not, but I have served the organization for more than half of those 50 years. It's very gratifying to see how during that time, we've been able to grow to serve young people and their families by creating programs that address new, or newly identified, challenges they face.

And, of course, we couldn't have done it without all your support along the way. Our community, supporters, staff, and volunteers make it possible for us to be there for young people at critical moments in their lives.

Your financial support helped us meet our goal of raising \$4,000,000 over a three-year period so that we could keep all our doors open and not turn a single youth away. Your donations of food and school supplies meant that we could provide a whopping 12,309 food distributions as well as baskets of food at Thanksgiving and backpacks filled with school supplies for youth who needed them when the school year began. Hundreds of children and youth in our community received presents over the holiday season because you so generously answered the call to add them to your own holiday shopping list.

Because we know you care about the youth in our community, we can look towards an even brighter future. Our newly completed five-year strategic plan includes our commitment to focus on youth education and employment. Our goal is to move young people in our programs beyond paycheck-to-paycheck employment and into training and jobs that promote a career so they can truly grow and thrive. To support this work, we now have an education and employment fund which includes the \$25,000 Irene Pierce Scholarship, used to help young people in our programs with tuition and other education expenses.

Children and youth are constantly changing and growing. Over the past 50 years, Second Story has grown and changed also to keep up with the evolving needs of young people. Inevitably, this next year, and the countless years after that, change will continue to happen. With your help and support, Second Story will continue to be there to help young people with whatever new challenges they face.

Judith Dittman, CEO

board of directors

Executive Committee

Jonathan Higgins, Board President
Founders Bank

Kathy Barnes, Board Vice President
Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, LLP

Sharon Roman, Board Secretary
JMR512

Todd Mayman, Board Treasurer
TEGNA (Retired)

Members

Craig Adler
Avenu Insights & Analytics

Rabab Butti
Fannie Mae (Retired)

Jim Cotton
PenFed Credit Union (Retired)

Jeff Craven
Bailey Glasser, LLP

Kevin Davis
Consultant

Kim Dize
Able Moving & Storage

Melissa Busby Fernlund
MBF Marketing and Media Relations Consulting, LLC

Camilo Garcia
DPR Construction

Willow Marr
M2 Strategy

Lisa Moffett
Coldwell Banker

Cory Scott
Macerich

Jill Weeter
EY

Karen Wirz
Karen Wirz, LLC

Advisory Members

Catherine Ahearn
Evolent Health

Steven Alloy
Stanley Martin Homes

Michael Barrett
Diligent Innovations, Inc.

Mary Lou Dunford
Consultant

Burt Heacock
Paul-Tittle Associates, Inc.

Jeremy Krasner
Stout

Amy Sanborn Owen
QIA Consultants, LLC

Youth Board Members

Diana Reyes Morales

Meaghan Shepherd

Contact Us

Follow @secondstoryorg on:



PO Box 694, Dunn Loring, Virginia, 22027
703-506-9191
www.second-story.org

TTY 771 · United Way #8893 · CFC #41814

For help call 1-800-SAY-TEEN or text TEENHELP to 855-11 to reach a live counselor

Listen to our podcast, "Second Stories," on all listening platforms.



Our Programs

All services are provided at no cost to youth or their families.



Second Story for Teens in Crisis

Second Story for Teens in Crisis is a completely voluntary program for young people 13 to 17 years old. In addition to safe shelter, food, and clothing, each teen receives intensive individual, group, and family counseling and help keeping up with their education.

Second Story for Homeless Youth

Second Story for Homeless Youth helps high school students and youth experiencing homelessness with housing and case management using a combination of host homes, rental assistance, and rapid re-housing.

Second Story for Young Mothers

Second Story for Young Mothers provides housing and counseling to young mothers experiencing homelessness so they can learn to support themselves and their children. They focus on parenting skills, education, job readiness, and self-sufficiency.

Second Story in the Community

Second Story serves the communities of Culmore, Annandale, and Springfield through Family Resource Centers, Safe Youth Projects, and a Teen Center. Second Story also proudly serves as the lead agency for the Bailey's Crossroads area as part of Opportunity Neighborhoods (ON). Through ON, we work alongside residents, government, public schools, and other partners to elevate community voices, provide training, and deliver resources to the community.

Mia's Story



"Mia's" high school social worker referred her to Second Story during her senior year because her mother suffered from serious mental health issues and was unable to care for her daughter. Second Story stepped in to help Mia find a safe place to live and learn important life skills so she could stay in school while learning how to live independently.

First, Mia worked with her case worker to find a room to rent. She met regularly with her case manager and attended group sessions to learn skills, including budgeting, goal setting, personal hygiene, self-care, and emergency preparedness. While Mia balanced school and work, her case worker would deliver volunteer-donated snack packs, toiletries, cleaning supplies, towels, linens, and special meals and gifts during the holidays. She also referred Mia to local food resources. Mia graduated from Second Story's program, as well as high school, and entered community college to study pediatric nursing.

During her third year in college, Mia's case manager reached out to suggest she apply for a new scholarship. Established by Irene Pierce who named Second Story as a beneficiary of her estate, the scholarship provides assistance with rent, tuition, and books as long as recipients maintain decent grades. In July of 2022, Mia was accepted into the inaugural class of the Irene Pierce Scholarship program. Mia immediately contacted her case manager to share her excitement through happy tears. She said she felt great relief because the scholarship took some financial stress off of her shoulders. Mia continues to work hard as she moves closer to achieving her goals.



Mia's name and photograph have been changed to protect her privacy.

Residential Services

Second Story for Teens in Crisis



- 65 youth housed
- 94% exited to a safe situation
- 699 bed nights
- 100% received daily counseling
- 394 hotline calls

Second Story for Young Mothers



- 6 mothers & their 7 children housed
- 200 non-residential clients served
- 100% had medical insurance within 6 months
- 100% exited to a safe situation

Second Story for Homeless Youth



Transitional Living Program

- 22 youth housed
- 100% exited to a safe situation
- 36 youth received case management & other services
- 91% were employed, in school, or both



FCPS Youth

- 14 youth housed and received case management and other services
- 100% exited to a safe situation
- 100% of eligible students graduated



Rapid Re-housing

- 13 young adults & their 7 children housed
- 85% gained or increased their income while in the program
- Average length of stay: 387 days

Community-based Services

★ 973 backpacks distributed

★ 386 vaccinated + 345 attended health literacy classes in partnership with health dept.



Safe Youth Projects & Culmore Teen Center

- 384 students served
- 100% of eligible students graduated
- Approx. 3,750 individual tutoring sessions
- 5,304 snacks or meals provided
- 100% remained gang-free



Family Resource Centers

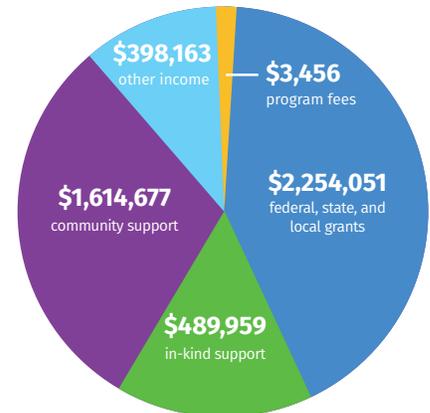
- 12,309 food distributions
- 26,325 drop-in consultations



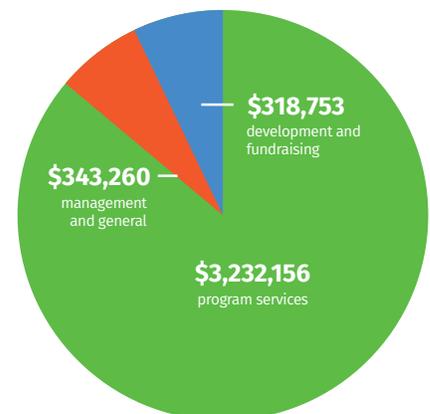
Opportunity Neighborhoods (ON)

- 10 Community Ambassadors recruited and trained
- 15 Youth Council Members trained and mobilized
- 9 Governance Council Members trained
- 47 Youth Council meetings
- Promoted safety, school preparation, and vaping prevention

Where Our Funding Comes From



Where Our Funding Goes



Second Story is grateful for funding provided by Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Housing and supportive services are provided to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or handicap, and particularly to those who were least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach.

652 Volunteers



16,798 Volunteer Hours

